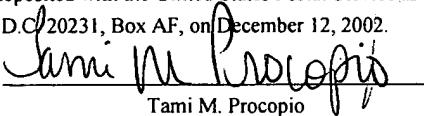


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated 12 July 2002. This extension will extend the time the response is due from 12 October 2002 to 12 December 2002.

- A one month extension is requested; the extension fee is \$
- A two month extension is requested; the extension fee is \$400.00
- A one month petition was previously filed *.
- The shortened statutory period has been reset by an Advisory Action dated *.
- A check in the amount of \$ is attached.
- Charge \$400.00 to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 420522000100.

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The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this petition, or to credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 420522000100. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: December 12, 2002

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